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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL German OS 198 26 065
AM German OS 197 08 151
AN German OS 1956 52 272
AO East German Patent 299 156
AP East German Patent 239 540
AQ East German Patent 239 539
AR European Application 0 734 769
AS European Application 0 600 580
AL' European Application 0 226 867
AM' European Application 0 181 957
AN' European Application 0 155 087
AO' United Kingdom Specification 1 525 829

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AN, AO and AS were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the counterpart European application. All of the references were cited in Category "A" as general background information. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith. The German counterpart to Reference AO', and all of the remaining other references, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. Translations of the German language references are not readily available to the Applicant, however, each of those references has an English language Abstract attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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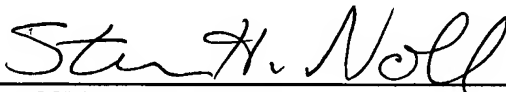
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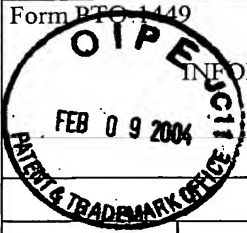
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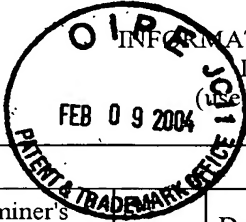
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